



# MINUTES

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND WORKFORCE SERVICES INTERIM COMMITTEE

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Wednesday, September 18, 2019 | 1:15 p.m. | 450 State Capitol

**Members Present:**

Sen. Daniel McCay, Chair  
Sen. Jacob L. Anderegg  
Sen. Derek L. Kitchen  
Sen. Ann Millner  
Rep. Patrice M. Arent  
Rep. James A. Dunnigan  
Rep. Stephen G. Handy  
Rep. Suzanne Harrison  
Rep. A. Cory Maloy  
Rep. Carol Spackman Moss  
Rep. Derrin R. Owens

Rep. Susan Pulsipher

Rep. Marc K. Roberts

**Members Absent:**

Rep. Mike Winder, Chair  
Sen. Jerry W. Stevenson  
Rep. Francis D. Gibson

**Staff Present:**

Ms. Julie Humberstone, Policy Analyst  
Mr. Peter Asplund, Associate General Counsel  
Ms. Leila Reynolds, Administrative Assistant

Note: A copy of related materials and an audio recording of the meeting can be found at [www.le.utah.gov](http://www.le.utah.gov).

Chair McCay called the meeting to order at 1:28 p.m.

### 1 . Committee Business

### 2 . Economic Development Incentives

Michael D. Farren, Research Fellow, Mercatus Center, George Mason University, introduced himself.

Rep. Roberts introduced why he requested the subject matter be discussed.

Michael Farren presented on targeted economic development incentives.

#### [2a - Ending the Economic Race to the Bottom \(Mercatus Center\)](#)

Chair McCay asked for clarification on the word "waste" in economic terms.

Sen. Anderegg asked a question of the presenter.

Michael Farren continued the presentation.

The committee asked questions of Michael Farren as he presented.

Chair McCay invited Ben Hart, Deputy Director, Governor's Office of Economic Development (GOED), to make comments on the subject.

The committee asked questions of Michael Farren and Ben Hart.

Rep. Roberts made a closing comment on the subject matter.

**MOTION:**

Rep. Roberts moved to open a committee bill file for a 50-state interstate compact. The motion passed with a vote of 11 - 0 - 5.



Yeas-11

Sen. J. Anderegg  
Rep. P. Arent  
Rep. J. Dunnigan  
Rep. S. Handy  
Rep. S. Harrison  
Sen. D. Kitchen  
Rep. A. Maloy  
Sen. D. McCay  
Rep. D. Owens  
Rep. S. Pulsipher  
Rep. M. Roberts

Nays-0

Absent-5

Rep. F. Gibson  
Sen. A. Millner  
Rep. C. Moss  
Sen. J. Stevenson  
Rep. M. Winder

### **3 . Artificial Intelligence**

Alexi Madon, Vice President, State Government Affairs, CompTia, presented on artificial intelligence technology and how it affects our everyday lives.

#### [3a - Creating a 21st Century Workforce \(CompTia\)](#)

Rep. Dunnigan assumed the Chair.

Julie Babayan, Senior Manager of Public Policy, Adobe, presented on artificial intelligence technology.

#### [3b - Adobe and Artificial Intelligence \(Adobe\)](#)

Chair McCay resumed the Chair.

### **4 . USTAR Report**

### **5 . Committee Business**

**MOTION:** Rep. Owens moved to approve the minutes for August 21, 2019. The motion passed with a vote of 8 - 0 - 8.

Yeas-8

Rep. P. Arent  
Rep. J. Dunnigan  
Rep. S. Handy  
Sen. D. Kitchen  
Rep. A. Maloy  
Sen. D. McCay  
Rep. D. Owens  
Rep. S. Pulsipher

Nays-0

Absent-8

Sen. J. Anderegg  
Rep. F. Gibson  
Rep. S. Harrison  
Sen. A. Millner  
Rep. C. Moss  
Rep. M. Roberts  
Sen. J. Stevenson  
Rep. M. Winder

### **6 . USTAR Report**

Ben Hart, Deputy Director, GOED, presented the USTAR report, along with Jill Flygare, Managing Director of Internal Operations, GOED, and Ginger Chinn, Managing Director of Business Services, GOED.

#### [4a - 2019 General Session S.B. 212, USTAR Amendments](#)

The committee made comments on the presentation.

### **7 . Sunset Review: Pete Suazo Utah Athletic Commission**



Jill Flygare, Managing Director of Internal Operations, GOED, presented on the sunset review.

[5a - 2019 General Session H.B. 387, Boards and Commissions Amendments](#)

[5b - Sunset Review Pete Suazo Utah Athletic Commission \(OLRGC\)](#)

Julie Humberstone, Policy Analyst, Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel, presented on changes to the Pete Suazo Utah Athletic Commission that will be effective on the sunset date and were made by 2019 General Session H.B. 387.

The committee asked questions of the presenters and committee staff.

Sen. McCay took a "straw poll" of what the committee thinks of reinstating or maintaining Legislative appointment authority removed by 2019 General Session H.B. 387. Chair McCay will consult with the Speaker and President regarding how they feel about the issue as well.

## **8 . Sunset Review: IGP Plan Implementation Pilot Program**

Tracy Gruber, Director of Child Care and Intergenerational Poverty, Department of Workforce Services, presented on the IGP Plan Implementation Pilot Program.

[6a - IGP Pilot Program Update \(DWS\)](#)

[6b- Utah Code Section 35A-9-501, Intergenerational Poverty Plan Implementation Pilot Program](#)

The committee asked questions of Tracy Gruber.

Tracy Gruber gave closing comments on her presentation.

**MOTION:** Rep. Handy moved to extend the sunset date by two years on the pilot program. After the clarifying question below, the motion passed. The motion passed with a vote of 7 - 2 - 7.

### Yeas-7

Rep. P. Arent  
Rep. S. Handy  
Rep. S. Harrison  
Sen. D. Kitchen  
Sen. D. McCay  
Rep. C. Moss  
Rep. S. Pulsipher

### Nays-2

Rep. A. Maloy  
Rep. M. Roberts

### Absent-7

Sen. J. Anderegg  
Rep. J. Dunnigan  
Rep. F. Gibson  
Sen. A. Millner  
Rep. D. Owens  
Sen. J. Stevenson  
Rep. M. Winder

Rep. Roberts asked a clarifying question on the motion.

## **9 . Other Items/Adjourn**

**MOTION:** Rep. Harrison moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 10 - 0 - 6.



Yeas-10

Rep. P. Arent  
Rep. J. Dunnigan  
Rep. S. Handy  
Rep. S. Harrison  
Sen. D. Kitchen  
Rep. A. Maloy  
Sen. D. McCay  
Rep. C. Moss  
Rep. S. Pulsipher  
Rep. M. Roberts

Nays-0

Absent-6

Sen. J. Anderegg  
Rep. F. Gibson  
Sen. A. Millner  
Rep. D. Owens  
Sen. J. Stevenson  
Rep. M. Winder

The committee adjourned at 3:29 p.m.